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PETITION TO CORRECT FILING DATE AND DATE-IN DISCREPANCY
UNDER 37 CFR 1.10(c)

Re: Applicant: Christopher Scott Thorman et al.
Application Number: 09/597,069
Filing Date: 19 June 2000
Title: A CLEANING DEVICE FOR A MOWER CUTTING CHAMBER

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

Applicants are submitting this paper to request a corrected filing receipt. An incorrect filing date of 20 June 2000 was accorded this application. The proper filing date is 19 June 2000. Attached is a copy of the filing receipt which provides the incorrect date of 20 June 2000 as the filing date of the application referenced above.

Under the guidance of MPEP Sec. 513 and 37 CFR 1.10(c) that set forth the requirements for demonstrating an Office error, Applicants provide the following documentation which is relied upon to obtain a corrected filing date of 19 June 2000: a copy of the application transmittal letter, itemizing the papers mailed and which reflects the number of the "Express Mail" mailing label placed on the letter on the date it was mailed. Additionally, the transmittal letter bears an "Express Mail" stamp with certification that the date of deposit with the United States Postal Service was 19 June 2000.

Thus, correction of the filing date to 19 June 2000 is kindly requested.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure